

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES
RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2017-20

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3**

(January 11, 2017)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 3, which was issued on January 6, 2017. Responses were due by January 11, 2017. Each question is reprinted verbatim and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

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1. To clarify the Postal Service's Notice of Competitive Post Office Box Service Fees¹, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following request. Answers should be provided no later than January 11, 2017.

Please refer to section 2640.4 in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS),² the price section for competitive Post Office Box Service, and the Notice's proposed fee tables. Notice at 2-3. Please identify how each fee group appearing in the Notice (fee groups listed from C30 through C44) corresponds to a fee group in the approved MCS (fee groups listed from C1 through C7).

RESPONSE:

The table included in Section 2640.4 of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) establishes a series of price ranges within which the specific fees for Post Office Box service must fall.³ In previous proceedings, the Postal Service explained to the Commission that it had created a set of internal/customer-facing fee groups (C30-C44) that correspond to the price ranges included in the MCS (C1-C7).⁴ Each postal location offering competitive Post Office Box service is assigned to a fee group. Consistent with a request by the Commission in Docket No. CP2011-26 that it file notice of specific fees by box size and location, the Postal Service now provides notice of the fees directly to the Commission in addition to publishing them in the *Postal Bulletin*.⁵

¹ Notice of Competitive Post Office Box Service Fees, December 22, 2016 (Notice).

² See Mail Classification Schedule posted January 15, 2016 (with revisions through January 1, 2017), available at <http://www.prc.gov/mail-classification-schedule>.

³ These price ranges apply to both the Regular and Enhanced price categories defined in Section 2640.3. The heading in Section 2640.4 therefore could be clarified to state "Regular/Enhanced – Semi-Annual Fees."

⁴ Docket No. CP2012-2, Letter to Shoshana Grove on Post Office Box Fees (Dec. 29, 2011).

⁵ See *id.* (citing Docket No. CP2011-26, Order No. 603 (Dec. 2, 2010), at 8).

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As relevant to the current set of competitive Post Office Box prices, Docket No. CP2016-9 established a range of possible prices within which the fees for competitive Post Office Box service must fall. The price ranges described in the MCS have not changed since last year. The specific fees going into effect on January 22, 2017 are as described in the Notice submitted on December 22, 2016. For ease of reference, those fees are repeated here with an additional column added to reflect the MCS price range to which the fees correspond.

Fees - 6 Month Prices (\$)

Box Size

MCS Price	Fee					
Range	Group	1	2	3	4	5
C1	C30	75.00	150.00	250.00	400.00	625.00
C1	C31	67.00	100.00	178.00	283.00	446.00
C2	C32	54.00	80.00	142.00	226.00	357.00
C3	C33	45.00	66.00	118.00	188.00	297.00
C4	C34	38.00	56.00	99.00	157.00	248.00
C5	C35	32.00	47.00	83.00	131.00	207.00
C6	C36	27.00	40.00	71.00	113.00	178.00
C7	C37	23.00	34.00	60.00	95.00	150.00
C1	C38	65.00	95.00	169.00	269.00	430.00
C2	C39	52.00	77.00	136.00	216.00	346.00
C3	C40	43.00	63.00	112.00	178.00	282.00
C4	C41	36.00	53.00	94.00	149.00	236.00
C5	C42	30.00	44.00	78.00	124.00	196.00
C6	C43	26.00	38.00	68.00	108.00	171.00
C7	C44	22.00	32.00	57.00	90.00	142.00

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Fees - 3 Month Prices (\$)

Box Size

MCS Price Range ⁶	USPS Fee Group	1	2	3	4	5
C1	C30	44.00	87.00	144.00	230.00	360.00
C1	C31	39.00	58.00	102.00	163.00	256.00
C2	C32	31.00	46.00	82.00	130.00	205.00
C3	C33	26.00	38.00	68.00	108.00	171.00
C4	C34	22.00	32.00	57.00	90.00	143.00
C5	C35	18.00	27.00	48.00	75.00	119.00
C6	C36	16.00	23.00	41.00	65.00	102.00
C7	C37	14.00	20.00	35.00	55.00	86.00
C1	C38	37.00	55.00	97.00	155.00	247.00
C2	C39	30.00	44.00	78.00	124.00	199.00
C3	C40	25.00	36.00	64.00	102.00	162.00
C4	C41	21.00	30.00	54.00	86.00	136.00
C5	C42	17.00	25.00	45.00	71.00	113.00
C6	C43	15.00	22.00	39.00	62.00	98.00
C7	C44	13.00	18.00	33.00	52.00	82.00

As explained in the Notice, the prices noted above for fee groups C30 through C44 were published in the Postal Bulletin on December 22, 2016, and were announced in the Notice on the same day.

⁶ As noted in the MCS, 3-month fees must fall within the range consisting of one-half the applicable minimum and one-half the applicable maximum in the price table. Section 2640.4, note 2.